

Marked-Up Version

Please **AMEND** the paragraph starting at page 12, line 4 as follows:

As illustrated in [FIG 1.] FIG. 1, the POS controller 20 is also linked to a lottery data processing system 60, discussed in detail below, via a data network 50. The data network 50 can be any one or more of a variety of networks capable of data communications. For example, the data network 50 can be a public switched telephone network 76 (PSTN), an integrated service digital network (ISDN), a packet switched network, a private data communication network, a wireless network or any other suitable network.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph starting at page 16, line 2 as follows:

The POS terminal 30 also includes a display device 38 for conveying information to the operator, customer or both. Any one [or] of a variety of display devices would be suitable for this purpose, including, for example a CRT, LCD, LED or thin film transistor panel.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph starting at page 16, line 24 as follows:

It will also be understood that other combinations of POS controllers 20 and POS terminals 30 could be employed, depending upon the requirements of a particular establishment. In particular, the POS terminal 30 may incorporate some of the features of the POS controller 20 so that the integrated POS terminal/controller can function as a stand-alone unit. This type of terminal would be advantageous for establishments that only require a single POS terminal.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph starting at page 20, line 9 as follows:

While record R2 for one POS controller with ID number 23456 is depicted in FIG. 6, any number of records may be stored. As is also the case with the data storage device 26, from time to time records may be transferred to a different storage device or deleted to conserve storage space within the data storage device 68. The winning lottery ticket number database 68c is one of the other databases that the lottery data processing system conventionally maintains.

Please **AMEND** the paragraph starting at page 23, line 5 as follows:

Shown in FIG. 9 is an example of a store sales receipt 80 according to [the] one embodiment of the present invention. The store sales receipt 80 includes non-lottery ticket related merchandise information 81. The bottom portion contains lottery ticket information including a plurality of lottery numbers 82, a store ID number 83, a receipt number 84, a date 85, a time 86, a price 89, a lottery telephone number 87, and an encrypted authentication code 88. In the case of a fractional lottery ticket, the store sales receipt 80 would also include an indication of the fraction of the full price lottery ticket purchased (e.g., as shown in FIG. 9, \$0.68 was paid for ticket 4).

Please **AMEND** the paragraph starting at page 27, line 23 as follows:

In step S18, using the cryptographic processor 67 (shown in FIG. 4), the authentication code is encrypted to produce a unique numeric code. The lottery transaction entry added in step S15 is then updated again by storing the encrypted authentication code in the appropriate field of the record (see FIG. 6). The use of cryptographic processors and encryption algorithms are well known to those skilled in the art of cryptography. For reference, one of ordinary skill in the art may refer to Bruce Schneier, Applied Cryptography, Protocols, Algorithms and Source Code [Inc.] in C, (2nd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1996).